



GALESBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOUNDATION

Still Building The Story

TWO YEARS OF IMPACT SINCE OPENING DAY

Two years ago, you helped create a library designed to serve our community for generations.

Today, we see your investment at work every day—in children discovering the joy of reading, adults learning new skills, students finding space to study, and neighbors gathering together.

Thank you for helping write this chapter of Galesburg's story.



Your Investment in Action

April 2024-April 2026



273,852

Visitors



10,468

Adult/Teen
Program Attendees



4,052

New Library Cardholders



21,588

Children's Program
Attendees



4,767

Study Room Reservations



3,871

Community Room Uses

More Than a Building

The Community Room has become one of the places where Galesburg comes together.

For some organizations, it provides access to a professional meeting space they might not otherwise have. For others, it offers a welcoming environment to share ideas, learn from one another, and strengthen community relationships.

When supporters invested in a new library, they invested in more than books and services. They invested in a place where people could gather, collaborate, and build a stronger community together.

Every conversation, every meeting, and every event held in this space is a reminder that the library belongs to all of us—and that its impact extends far beyond its walls.

Then

Vision for a new library

Underutilized downtown
properties

Limited community
space

Concept for hands-on
learning

Now

68,000 sq ft of
community space

Welcoming spaces
for reading and
gathering

Active Community
Room

Thriving Skills Lab



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What Your Investment Built



Preserving the stories that define Galesburg.



31 microfilm reels digitized



Expanding access to historical records from 1854 to 1915

This work ensures our community's history remains accessible for generations to come.



Children's Library

A space designed for imagination, early learning, and discovery.

From Baby Bounce to Tween Time, this space has become a place where young readers begin a lifelong relationship with learning.

Skills Lab

Spaces where learning becomes hands-on.

From sewing and repair skills to digital tools and creative technology, this lab is helping individuals build confidence, independence, and new opportunities.



Community Room

A flexible space where people connect, collaborate, and grow.

It's home to nonprofit meetings, classes, support groups, and community events that bring neighbors together.

"The library is our safe space. Our family is welcomed just as we are and we are always greeted like friends." — Holly

Opening the Doors Was Only the Beginning.



Through Access for All, the Foundation is helping expand library services into neighborhoods, schools, senior living communities, and other community spaces.

Together we are making books, technology, hands-on learning, and meaningful connections directly to the people who need them most.

The Next Chapter Includes:

- 01 Pop-up libraries in neighborhoods
- 02 Outreach to senior living communities
- 03 Partnerships with schools & community organizations
- 04 Mobile learning & hands-on activities
- 05 Removing barriers to library access



LIVES CONTINUE TO BE CHANGED
BECAUSE OF IT.

Investing in What Comes Next



Your original investment helped build the library.



Continued support helps ensure every member of our community can benefit from it.



Thank you for being part of the story that continues to grow.

The library didn't just open. It came to life.



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